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--43. The method of claim 42, wherein preventing the output of frequencies that are lower or higher than the common voice frequency comprises filtering out such frequencies.--

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--44. The method of claim 24, further comprising using a reverse phase of a phase of the preset sound effect to prevent the recordation of the preset sound effect.--

--45. The method of claim 44 where the using a reverse phase of the phase of the preset sound effect comprises inverting the phase of the preset sound effect.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 13, 16, 23, 24 and 30 are amended and new claims 31-45 are added.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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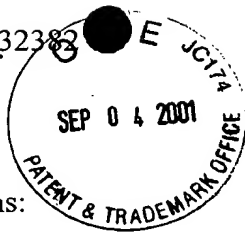
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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 31-45 are added.

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

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1. (Amended) An information input apparatus, comprising:

- an imaging device that forms images of a subject;
- a sound recording device that records sounds;
- a storage medium that stores at least one of the images formed by the imaging device and the sounds input by the sound recording device;
- a release switch that initiates a predetermined process;
- a sound effect output device that outputs a preset sound effect when the release switch is operated; and

a control device that controls at least one of a sound recording device, a storage medium, and a sound playback device to prevent at least one of recording, storing, and outputting of a preset sound effect during a recording mode ~~the sound effect output device~~ so that the preset sound effect will not be output with the sounds recorded by the sound recording device when the release switch initiated the predetermined process.

13. (Amended) The information input apparatus of claim 140, further comprising a sound playback device that outputs the sounds stored in the storage medium and, wherein the sound effect output device is controlled by the controller to selectively outputs a ~~the~~ preset sound effect having a frequency incapable of being recorded by the sound recording device, incapable of being stored by the storage medium, or incapable of being played back by the sound playback device.

16. (Amended) An information input apparatus, comprising:

imaging means for forming images of a subject;

sound recording means for inputting sounds;

storage means for storing the images formed by the imaging means and the sounds input by the sound recording means;

indicating means for indicating start of a predetermined process means;

sound effect output means for outputting preset sound effects when the indicating means indicates the predetermined process is started; and

control means for controlling at least one of a sound recording device, a storage medium, and a sound playback device to prevent at least one of recording, storing and outputting of a preset sound effect during a recording mode ~~the sound effect output means~~;
wherein the preset sound effects will not be output with the sounds input by the sound recording means when the predetermined process is started.

23. (Amended) The information input apparatus of claim 16~~20~~, further comprising sound means for playback of the sounds stored in the storage means, and wherein the sound effect output means selects and outputs ~~at~~ the preset sound effects with a frequency incapable of being input by the sound recording means, incapable of being stored by the storage means, or incapable of being played back by the sound playback means.

24. (Amended) A method of controlling an information input apparatus, comprising:

forming images of a subject using an imaging device;

performing sound recording of sounds occurring near the information input apparatus using a sound recording device;

storing the images formed by the imaging device and the sounds recorded by the sound recording device in a storage medium;

operating a release switch to initiate a predetermined process;

outputting a sound effect when the predetermined process is initiated; and

controlling at least one of recording, storing and outputting of a preset sound effect during a recording mode~~the output of the sound effect during the sound recording~~ so that when the predetermined process is initiated the sound effect will not be output.

30. (Amended) The method of claim 2428, further comprising playing back the sounds stored in the storage medium with a speaker, wherein the sound outputting step with the sounds input by the sound recording means, includes selecting and outputting~~outputs a~~ the sound effect using a frequency outside a frequency range of the sound recording device, the storage medium or the speaker.